

March 1st.

Vice-President VAUX in the Chair.

Eleven members present.

The following were presented for publication :—

“Synonymy of the Strepomatidæ of North America.” By Geo. W. Tryon, Jr.

“Thoughts on the Influence of Ether upon the Solar System.” By A. Wilcocks, M. D. Part III.

March 8th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Thirty members present.

The following was presented for publication :

“Additions to the Catalogue of Stars which have changed their colors.” By Jacob Ennis.

March 15th.

Vice-President VAUX in the Chair.

Twenty members present.

The following were presented for publication :

“Note on the Nomenclature of Genera and Species of Echei-
doidæ,” and “Description of a new labroid Genus allied to Trochoco-
pus.” By Theo. Gill.

“New Species of Mordellestina collected in Illinois.” By C. A. Helmuth, M. D.

Notes on the Birds of Jamaica.” By W. T. March, with remarks by S. F. Baird. Part III.

Dr. Leconte remarked, that his attention had been called to the following passage in the Report on the progress of Entomology, by Dr. Gerstaecker, in the last number of Tröschel's Archiv für Naturgeschichte, in which he refers to the Classification of the Coleoptera of North America, Part I, by Dr. Leconte.

“Die Stylopiden setzt der Verf. unter die Heteromeren, bemerkt aber das die Tarsen nicht heteromer seien, was richtig ist. Früher habe man sie als eigne Ordnung betrachtet, aber die Kenntniss ihrer Verwandlungen, und eine genauere, [more rigid!] Interpretation ihrer äusseren Baues habe fast alle [nearly all!] Systematiker dazu bestimmt, sie unter die Käfer zu bringen. (Welche Charactere hat ein Strepsipteron mit einem Käfer gemein?—Keinen! Wo sind die Ubereinstimmungen der Larven und ihrer Lebensweise? Die Strepsipteren Larven leben parasitisch in Hinterleibe von Hymenopteren, die Meloïden Larven nähren sich von Honig; beide haben also in der Lebensweise nichts untereinander gemein.)”

“In Elementarbüchern solite man Absurditäten am Wenigsten für baare Münze ausgeben!”

I do not propose here to enter into a discussion of the views which have induced Lacordaire, Burmeister, Newman and Schaum to consider Stylopidæ as a family of Coleoptera, an opinion which many others have silently acquiesced in. The subject was considered nearly exhausted, until reopened by Duval, in 1864.]